

our promise; unfunded mandates legislation—we kept our promise; line-item veto—we kept our promise; a new crime package to stop violent criminals—we kept our promise; national security restoration to protect our freedoms—we kept our promise.

And here is what remains to be done in the next 50 days, Government regulatory reform; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for middle income families; Senior Citizens Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits, and congressional terms limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America.

WELFARE REFORM

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, the Contract With America was just read to us. And it is rather incredible that in the provision dealing with welfare reform, the Republicans have no requirement in their bill either that the States provide the ability of people on welfare to go from welfare to work, but providing job opportunities, job training, or employment or that a person who is on welfare not have to do something in the way of work to receive that check. That was pointed out by the minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT] the other day in a press conference that what the Democrats want to do is move somebody from welfare to work, but the Republicans and the Governors have no requirement that people go to work.

I am delighted to read today in the press that the subcommittee chairman, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. SHAW] is now considering whether or not the Republicans will try to define a work condition in their bill realizing that what the American taxpayers want is people to go to work for the assistance they receive and what welfare recipients want is a job, not a check.

So I wish the Republicans well. If they cannot come up with one, maybe they can adopt the Democratic substitute that will move people from welfare to work.

THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE ACT

(Mr. KING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KING. Madam Speaker, for the first 180 years of our Nation, immigrants who came to this country were encouraged to maintain their identity, their culture, their religious beliefs, their traditions. Just as importantly, they were encouraged to learn to speak the English language. This was the

glue that bound us together as a nation. This was the common theme that all of us shared as Americans.

However, for the past 25 years, our social engineers in Washington have actually been encouraging people not to learn English. We have billions of dollars being spent on bilingual education. We have citizenship ceremonies being conducted in languages other than English. We have signs in government buildings in languages other than English.

That is why today, Madam Speaker, I am introducing the National Language Act which will declare English to be the official language of this country. This will require all government publications to be in English. It would end bilingual education. It would end bilingual voting ballots, and it would require all government business to be transacted in English.

In doing this, I intend to work with such distinguished Members of this body as the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. ROTH], the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. EMERSON], the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE], who have similar type legislation so that we can work together to restore the American dream of all immigrants and allow them to become part of American society.

CONTRACT SILENT ON MIDDLE-CLASS ISSUES

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Madam Speaker, tomorrow when people are passing out the grades for the first 50 days of this Congress, ask yourselves this question: How can it be that we have met for 50 days and cast nearly 150 votes and yet we have not passed a single amendment that addresses jobs, incomes, health care, education, or job training?

Madam Speaker, these issues are central to the lives of working middle-class families. Yet the Contract on America has been silent on each and every one of these issues. Instead, the Republicans in this House have voted to pull 100,000 police officers off the street, protect free gifts from lobbyists, slash Social Security and Medicare, and they have even tried to add another \$50 billion to star wars.

In their rush to extremism, the Gingrich Revolution seems to have forgotten the values of working middle-class families. And their contract has not made a dime's worth of difference on these issues that really matter to people.

PRAISE FOR THE 104TH CONGRESS

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, each weekend, when I am back in my district, I am always pleasantly amazed at the positive comments people share

with me concerning Congress. The voters are pleased that we are finally acting on our promises and passing commonsense laws. This past weekend, I spoke with many people who praised the numerous accomplishments of the 104th Congress.

People's opinions of Congress are changing. We are making history each and every day by returning integrity and honesty to the people's Chamber. It is really no surprise that Congress approval rating has improved from 18 to 43 percent.

Madam Speaker, we are at the halfway point of the contract and we will continue to work hard and make the necessary changes to get this Government back on track.

This week, we will curtail and streamline the excessive regulations this Government imposes on everyday Americans. We will return the Government back to its rightful owners, the American citizens.

TRADE POLICY AND JOBS LOST

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, did you ever wonder why America's trade and tax policies seem to kill American jobs and force companies to move overseas and all these foreign governments do so great under America's laws. Check this out.

Former chief counsel of the Committee on Ways and Means, responsible for a lot of these laws, Joe Dawley and John Salmon, they now represent Turkey and Great Britain. How about the Trade Representative, former Trade Representative Bill Brock? He represents Taiwan. How about his assistants, used to be Julia Bliss and Cliff Gibbons? They represent Japan. This is not hard to figure out.

We have a \$153 billion trade deficit because our Government workers, who were paid by Uncle Sam, went on the payroll of these foreign governments. I would say they were quite cozy before they left.

All you have to do is look at the trade deficit and look at the laws. It kills American jobs and forces American companies to move overseas.

Wake up, America. Wake up, Congress.

EXTEND THE 25-PERCENT HEALTH CARE TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE SELF-EMPLOYED

(Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, today, the House will debate H.R. 831, a bill to permanently reinstate the 25-percent health care tax deduction for the self-employed. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

For too long, 9 million self-employed individuals have been held hostage to the shell games of Congress. This tax deduction has expired several times and been reinstated several times, leaving millions of Americans unsure what Congress is really going to do.

And now, with the March 1 filing deadline for farmers fast approaching, Congress must act immediately to permanently restore this tax deduction and put an end to this cruel game.

I am pleased the Ways and Means Committee has sent to the floor a bill that ends the shell game.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 831. The clock is ticking and we cannot afford to wait much longer.

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS THREATENED

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, on Friday, I visited a School Lunch Program in my district and met with school officials and State food service directors to talk about the devastating impact that the Contract With America will have on child nutrition programs.

Under the Republican welfare reform plan, Connecticut will lose \$49 million in Federal food aid in 1996 alone. And, the program that will take the biggest hit? The School Lunch Program. Each day, 104,000 children in my State receive reduced or free meals through the School Lunch Program. It is a proven nutritional program that helps keep our kids healthy and ready to learn.

Madam Speaker, the Contract With America is a political document. It was written to meet the advertising deadline of TV Guide, but it does not meet the needs of our children.

We can reform welfare without hurting our kids, if we work together. But, Democrats will not stand idly by while Republicans trample on the rights of children in a relentless march to meet NEWT GINGRICH's 100-day deadline.

AN APOLOGY DUE THE SPEAKER AND THE HOUSE

(Mr. FORBES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, two Members of this great body have likened Republicans and the Speaker of this House "to something worse than Adolf Hitler." For that I cannot even begin to express my outrage.

The gentleman from Manhattan, NY [Mr. RANGEL] said, regarding the Contract With America, "when I compare this to what happened in Germany, I hope you will see the similarities."

His colleague, the gentleman from New York [Mr. OWENS], in referencing Republicans, said, "these people who are practicing genocide with a smile, they are worse than Hitler."

Madam Speaker, protectors of the same old order, the failed policies of the past, rely on gross distortions and outlandish scare tactics. But comparisons to the Holocaust, to the barbarism of Hitler and to his atrocious crimes is beyond the bounds of civility.

Our initiatives to restore compassion, common sense, and responsiveness to government will not be dissuaded, no matter how intemperate the remarks of the other side. The gentlemen owe the Speaker and this great body an apology.

MORE ON WELFARE REFORM

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Madam Speaker, America's working families have always had terrific compassion for those in need. That has been characteristic of America. America is family. And so we approach this welfare debate, one of the great problems is American families want welfare to be a safety net and not a hammock. But to make it a safety net and not a hammock, we have to help people have the skills they need to be able to work. And so that means teaching them to fish rather than giving them a fish. That is what the issue is.

And at a time when we are talking about not only killing student loans but knocking out student lunches, we obviously are going in the wrong direction. We ought to be doing everything we can to invest in our young people and to say to everyone, we are all in the same boat, but everybody has to pull an oar.

Let us get a welfare reform that is fair and in the great tradition of America, treating us all in the same manner.

THE REVOLUTION

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Madam Speaker, a revolution began last November 8—a revolution which continues today. The essence of our new revolution is not hard to understand: the American people have decided that the Federal Government has grown so huge and so pervasive that it has displaced our freedoms.

Our Government taxes too much, it spends too much, and it regulates too much. And in the process it has become a burden to our personal liberties, to our livelihood, to our markets, and especially to our future generations.

Madam Speaker, through our Contract With America, Republicans have promised to do something about this problem. In 50 days we have passed legislation that will redefine the relationship between the Federal Government and the people.

The Washington establishment may not like it but the revolution has taken root even in the hallowed Halls of Congress. Over the next 50 days Republicans will complete our contract and keep our promise to deliver real change.

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DEMOCRATS SHOULD GET ON BOARD AND HELP CHANGE AMERICA, NOT CONTINUE FIN- GER-POINTING

(Mr. SCARBOROUGH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Madam Speaker, I could not help but hear a former speaker up here talk about the Republicans rushing to extremism in the first 50 days of our Contract With America.

Madam Speaker, the fact of the matter is if they are viewing what we have been doing for the first 50 days a rush to extremism, that explains better than any poll will ever explain why they are now in the minority and we are in the majority.

The overwhelming majority of Americans wanted a balanced budget amendment. We gave them one. The overwhelming majority of Americans wanted a line-item veto. We gave them one. The overwhelming majority of Americans wanted this Congress to live by the same laws that they make everybody else live by. We did it. We will keep doing it the next 50 days.

If all they can do is compare us to Hitler and Goebbels and everybody else in their rush to extremism, because they have no new ideas, so be it.

Madam Speaker, this train has left the station. If they want to get on board and help us make real change in this country, we will accept their help, but they are not helping by rushing to extremism and pointing fingers. We have to make a difference. That is why we were sent here.

AMERICA NEEDS REGULATORY REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING OF OSHA

(Mr. NORWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NORWOOD. Madam Speaker, Joe Dear is at it again. I ran for Congress not only because imperial Washington was hopelessly out of touch with normal Americans, but also because many of the rules and regulations imperial Washington imposes on the rest of us help so little while costing so much. To cite one example that hits very close to home for me, in 1991 OSHA announced a standard on infection control for dental offices. OSHA projected that the annual expense of compliance would be \$87.4 million. However, according to a recent study by RRC Inc., it turns out